विकलांग व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र में टेलीफोन लगाया जाना

*747. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि श्रम मंत्रालय के अधीन विकलांग व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र, पूसा दिल्ली में हाल ही में इन्टरकाम टेलीफोन की नई लाइनें लगाई गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या उक्त केन्द्र में ऐसी टेलीफोन प्रणाली लगाने की आवश्यकता थी ;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में खर्च नियमानुसार किया गया ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. सङ्मा) : (क) से (घ) विकलांगों हेतु व्यावसायिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र, दिल्ली में पुरानी इंटरकाम टेलीफोन प्रणाली बेकार होने से, मै० अपट्रॉन इण्डिया लिमिटेड, उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का एक उद्यम, से 12 इंटरकॉम टेलीफोन की लाईन खरीद करके लग दी गई हैं । संगठन के विभिन्न स्कंधों में प्रभावी एवं सुचारू रूप से संचार प्रणाली निश्चित करने तथा उनके कार्य का प्रबोधन करने हेतु यह प्रणाली आवश्यक हो गई थी । इस संबंध में खर्च की गई धनराशि कार्यालय की आवश्यकतानुसार थी ।

Special Cell for the problems of Beedi Workers in the Country

*748. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special cell of the Ministry of Labour monitors the problems and cases of the beedi workers of the whole country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been conducted regarding employment opportunities in this field after enforcing the anti-beedi law?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Labour Welfare Organisation is functioning within the Ministry of Labour to administer the Welfare programmes for beedi, mine (Limestone and Dolomit, Iron/Manganese/Chrome and Mica) and Cine Workers which are financed out of the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund ond other funds set up under different laws enacted for this purpose. This Organisation which also looks after the work concerning the general problems of beedi workers among others in concert with the State Governments, is headed by Director General (Labour Welfare) at Ministry level. For implementing the welfare programmes in the field, there are nine Regional Welfare Commission-Each Welfare Commissioner with requisite complement of officers and staff has under his jurisdiction one or more State depending on the magnitude of the work involved. However the respective State Goernments are responsible for implementing the provisions of the Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 which has been enacted to provide for the welfare of the workers in beedi and cigar establishments and to regulate the conditions of their work and for matters connected therewith.

(c) No such legislation has been enacted. The legislation proposed by the Ministry of Health and Family welfare merely seeks to ban advertisement of tobacco products and does not envisage a ban on the sale of tobacco except in the vicinity of educational institution and hospitals etc. Therefore, it is felt that the employment situation in the beedi industry may not be significantly affected for the present as a result.